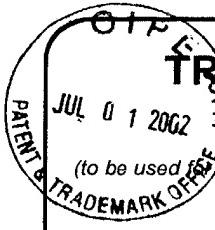


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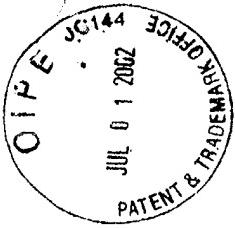
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the first Office Action mailed February 1, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A petition to extend the period of response for two month, from May 1, 2002 to July 1, 2002 is enclosed. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 4, 10, 22, 25, 28-33, and 37-38 as follows:

Please cancel claims 26 and 27 without prejudice to subsequent revival.